

Fiscal Note

Fiscal Services Division



SF 318 – Court Fees and Receipts (LSB 1163SV)

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Description

Senate File 318 relates to the administration of the Judicial Branch and makes appropriations. The Bill permits the Judicial Branch to retain fees assessed for shorthand certification examinations and bar examiners fees to offset expenses for the Office of Professional Regulation (OPR) within the Judicial Branch.

Background

The OPR oversees and retains the revenue from the following programs: Commission on Continuing Legal Education (CLE), Attorney Disciplinary Board and Grievance Commission, Client Security Commission, Lawyer Trust Account Commission, and the Commission on the Unauthorized Practice of Law. In addition, the OPR oversees Court Interpreters, Shorthand Reporters, and Bar Examiners. Examination fees and other miscellaneous fees for the Court Interpreters, Shorthand Reporters, and Law Examiners are deposited in the General Fund and operating expenses are funded from the General Fund appropriation to the Judicial Branch.

Assumptions

- The Shorthand Reporter Fee revenue will remain at approximately \$28,400 per year. The Bar Examiner Fee revenue will remain at approximately \$224,100 per year. Total revenue generated for both is \$253,000.
- No offsetting reduction will be made to the Judicial Branch appropriation.

Fiscal Impact

The estimated total fiscal impact of SF 318 for FY 2014 and future years is a General Fund revenue reduction of \$253,000.

Source

Judicial Branch

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